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2. The harbor installations in Chinhuangtao consisted of a pier right in front of the town and a loading space, about 1,000 feet long. The pier was a wooden structure, which was slightly curved following the trend of the bay. A number of low sheds were in the loading area and two railroad tracks ran between the sheds and the quay. The cargo was shipped from the sheds or loaded directly from the cars by the ship's sling. The rails were about 2.5 meters from the quay.
3. The only vessel in the harbor was a small tugboat which was used to move the vessel from the quay. Loading operations were conducted at all hours. A 9,000-ton cargo, consisting of soy beans and castor oil seed in bulk and magnesite¹ in mats, was loaded in five days. The stowage of bagged items was satisfactory. The ship's officers made every effort to insure the separation of the different piece goods but the vessel had to pay more than 100,000 Westmarks for scrambled cargoes.
4. Two sentries armed with submachine guns were posted at the gangway ashore and other armed sentries patrolled the quay. Drinking water, fuel, and fresh provisions were unobtainable in Chinhuangtao. Attempts by the Chinese to

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invite the Indians ashore failed, and neither the white nor the Indian crew members left the ship. No aircraft or warships were observed during the stay in Chinghuangtao. The vessel left Chinghuangtao on 4 May.

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